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Applicant(s): Hiroshi Takagi et al.  Invention: SAFETY INDWELLING NEEDLE					JUL 2 0 2004		
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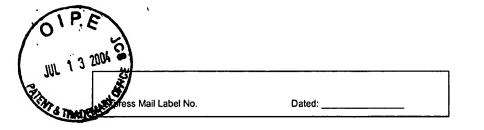
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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004 (Paper No. 11), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.